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Dear Dr. Upponi,

Many thanks for your detailed review of our manuscript, **Assessment of child anthropometry in a large epidemiologic study**. Below, we address each comment. Please do not hesitate to let us know whether we can provide any additional clarifications.

Sincerely,

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Comment 1: Please include an ethics statement at the beginning of the protocol, under the “protocol” heading.

Response 1: We now specify that “the Harvard Pilgrim Health Care IRB approved all procedures.

Comment 2: Please define all abbreviations at first occurrence, such as MUAC, etc.

Response 2: We now defined all abbreviations at first occurrence. MUAC is now defined in the parenthetical reference in the introduction.

Comment 3: Please number steps consecutively (see 9.5 followed by 9.7).

Response 3: All number steps follow a consecutive order. Step 9.7 has been converted to a note.

Comment 4: Table legends should be added to the Figure legend section, and not be included as a separate file.

Comment 4: We have placed all table legends under the Figure legend section, under a sub-heading “Table Legends.” We confirmed that no table legends are included as a separate file.

Comment 5: Length exceeds 2.75 pg of highlighted material and should be reduced accordingly.

Response 5: We confirmed that the highlighted section is now less than 2.75 pages.

Comment 6: Line 64 – “among children”

Response 6: We have rephrased this sentence to read “from children.”

Comment 7: 3.7 – “Ensure that at least one point of contact with the back of the stadiometer” – please clarify and use complete sentences.

Response 7: We have clarified Step 3.7 via complete sentences, to indicate that one or more of the following four parts of the body should be in contact with the back of the stadiometer: head, shoulders, butt, or feet.

Comment 8: 9.7 – Please use imperative tense or convert to a note.

Response 8: We have converted Step 9.7 to a note.

Comment 9: Additional detail is required: 7.3 – Is the tape measure placed against skin or clothing?

Response 9: We added additional information to indicate that the measurement should be taken over lightweight, tight-fitting clothing.

Comment 10: Branding: Introduction – PeaPod™ and BodPod™

Response 10: We have removed all references to branding from the manuscript.

Comment 11: If your figures and tables are original and not published previously, please ignore this comment. For figures and tables that have been published before, please include phrases such as “Re-print with permission from (reference#)” or “Modified from..” etc. And please send a copy of the re-print permission for JoVE’s record keeping purposes.

Response 11: Figure 1, Figure 2, and Figure 3 include proper copyright indicators and are cited appropriately in the reference section. Figure 4 and Figure 5 are original figures. Table 1 is an original table. We adapted Table 2 from Boeke et al. (reference 1), and include the appropriate citation (“Adapted from Boeke et al.¹”). The authors have given consent to the use of this table. The publication has been published in BMC Pediatrics, with the following copyright policy.

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Response 12: All available DOIs are included in the reference list. All DOIs have been confirmed via original journal rather than PubMed.

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Response 13: We have confirmed that the manuscript is grammatically correct.

*Comment 14: **Reviewer #1 concerns:** There are no major concerns. There are no minor concerns.*

Response 14: No alterations were made to content. Thank you for your review!

*Comment 15: **Reviewer #2 concerns:** There are no major concerns. There are no minor concerns.*

Response 15: No alterations were made to content. Thank you for your review!